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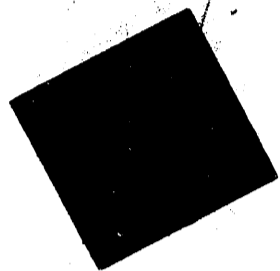
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FROM

Chancery

No.

Washington

Dated

15/26/47

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26 Aug 30

view of JACOB FAVITZ on Palestine.

Jacob Favitz is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which is leaving to study G.R.O. and I.Y.O. - Europe. Transmit his views re Jews and Palestine, re effect upon Arab negotiation, with it M.G. Agency suggests what someone might have to talk with him about Palestine.

Last Paper.

7941

(Minutes.)

Copy to: c.o. (Mr. Higham)

J. E. Cable  
30/8

References.

N.A. Dept. Cont. 12/9  
U.N. (E) Dept.

Mr. Booth  
Aug 30

(Print.)

I think Mr. Gen. Booth has seen Congressman Garity

(How disposed of.)

Higham  
80.  
Sept. 8 d.

H.B. 5/9

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Mr. Gen. Booth is now in New York. He told me that he had had a cordial and informative discussion on DP problems with the Congressmen, including Mr. Garity, but he did not say whether Palestine cropped up in their general discussions on the d.p. problem. Perhaps Garity left may care to write to him c/o the UK Legation, New York, to find out whether this matter did crop up. The Congressmen are now in Germany, but I believe that they will be returning via the UK later on.

With Illusions 15/9

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Higham  
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North American Dept. inform me  
that Congressman Javitz has been  
and gone. He does not really  
belong to the Hester Committee  
which is returning via London

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Sept. 17

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

August 26th, 1947.

Ref. 15/264/47

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Dear Department,

According to the Palcor News Agency, Representative Jacob Javitz (Republican, New York), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and of its sub-committee which is leaving this week to study the International Refugee Organisation and the proposed International Trade Organisation in Europe, stated on August 19th that, while he does not link the two subjects, he felt that if Britain wished to discuss with the United States her economic difficulties, she should simultaneously admit to Palestine the Jewish refugees in Cyprus and those from the "President Warfield".

2. He said that the admission of these 20,000 Jews to Palestine before a request for a new United States loan would be most useful. He suggested that if the Palestine problem were still not settled when Congress meets again, Congress might take the course of restating its 1945 resolution on Palestine, appropriating money to assist Jewish immigration into Palestine and home building there, or take punitive action against Britain in loan talks. He said that he did not advocate this last course at the present time.

3. Javitz, who is a new member of Congress, is Jewish. Our impression is that he is an able man and one worth cultivating. Though, together with other Republican Congressmen, he has recently signed letters to Marshall asking that the United States Government make clear its attitude towards the Palestine problem, he is by no means yet to be counted among the unreasonable extremists.

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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4. He is sailing with the other members of his party on the "Queen Mary" on August 27th for England where they will stay for three or four days (see our telegram No. 4591 of August 20th - from Balfour to Wright). We suggest that it might be useful if someone could have a talk with him about Palestine, stressing in particular how anxious we are to see an equitable and lasting solution. We realise that it might well not be possible to say anything definite about our attitude towards the recommendations which the United Nations may make (apart from the question of their implementation) but if you could give him any indication that His Majesty's Government will not oppose the recommendations themselves, that would, we are sure, be useful.

5. We are sending a copy of this letter to Wright.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.



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TELEGRAM FROM

W. Staff Cooper  
Paris

No.

Dated

844

Received in Registry

30 Aug  
1 Sept

French Labour Party news on Palestine.  
Discusses two articles by socialist paper  
'Populaire' & interview by Morgan Phillips  
giving account of Labour Party's policy towards  
Palestine, (2) Letter by Harold Laski.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

Jable  
(J.E. CABLE)  
3/9

References.

I don't suppose that there is  
very much that we can do about  
this. Prof. Laski's <sup>letter.</sup> ~~analysis~~ clearly  
undid most of the good done  
by Mr Morgan Phillips' useful  
interview, but he is of course free  
to express his views.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

News Dept. [initials]  
Information Policy Dept. [initials]  
Private Sec. [initials]  
J.S. Beir  
Sept. 3

(Action completed.)

[initials] 9/9

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper  
No. 844

D. 1.53 p.m. 30th August, 1947.  
R. 2.15 p.m. 30th August, 1947.

30th August, 1947.

Repeated to Jerusalem.

Foreign Office please pass to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 38.  
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Illegal Jewish immigration.

On August 24th socialist paper "Populaire" published an interview by Morgan Phillips which gave an excellent account of the labour party's policy towards Palestine and the difficulties with which the British Government has to contend over illegal immigration.

2. Same paper to-day publishes prominently "in the interests of supplying objective information" letter from Harold Laski who is described as "President of the Labour Party's Commission of Foreign Affairs" in the following terms: "since the Secretary of the Labour Party my friend Morgan Phillips has explained to you his views on the party's policy concerning the Jewish problem you will perhaps permit me as a party member myself to congratulate the French Government on their courage in maintaining in spite of such strong pressure from London their noble refusal to compel the Jewish refugees to disembark at Port de Bouc. I hope they will continue to abide by this great tradition of generosity. Having committed a serious error at the beginning of their career in the settlement of the Palestine problem it would be more honourable on the part of a Socialist Government to begin again on a new basis recognising their errors rather than try to conceal the results and to make the French people the accomplice of the injustice they have perpetrated!"

3. Apart from the fact that this letter airs a broad difference of opinion within the Labour Party its contents make it more difficult for me to put His Majesty's Government's policy across in France when it has already been subjected to so much unfair misrepresentation.

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem.]

[Copies sent to Middle East Secretariat.]



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Registry Number } E8016/46/31

TELEGRAM FROM

No. D. Bush  
Baghdad

Dated 772

Received in Registry } 29 Aug  
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Protection of Arabs in Palestine

Refer Jerusalem tel 1620 (E7653/46/31)  
Iraqis take murder of Arabs seriously. Hopes  
G.O. will not instruct Embassy to ask them  
to withdraw. Think they could hardly  
do so, would prefer merely to reply that they  
would take every step to prevent outrages  
by either side.

Last Paper.

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(How disposed of.)

~~Tel, Baghdad~~  
780  
Sept 16

8/80. Sept 15

(Minutes.)

The analogy in Mr. Bush's first sentence is not altogether accurate; the Palestinian Arabs are not Iraqi citizens. I agree however that there is nothing to be gained by making a demand, which we should eventually have to drop, for a withdrawal of the Iraqi threat. At the same time, I think we could take a sharper tone than is here suggested, if we are to reply at all to the note (which, Dr. Jamali tells me, he drafted himself).

Draft submitted.

H.B. Selby 5/9

H. G. G. 15/9

Tel. sent.

H.B. 16/9

(Action completed.)

J.S. M. 10/9

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No. 772  
R. 5.50 p.m. 29th August, 1947  
29th August, 1947

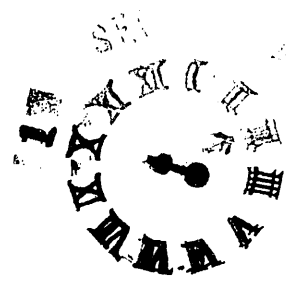
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Following for Wright personal.

Jerusalem telegram No. 1620 to you.

Iraqis take the murder of Arabs as seriously as they expect us to take the murders of British. I hope you will not instruct me to ask them to withdraw. They could hardly do so and I should prefer merely to reply that His Majesty's Government would take every step to prevent outrages by either side.  
[Copy sent to Mr. Wright].

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Date  
OUT FILE 4-10-49

Your telegram no 746 and your despatch no. 295 [Iraqi note on security in Palestine]

Please reply to the effect that, while understanding the concern felt in Iraq over events in Palestine, the Iraqi government must remind them that they are solely responsible for law and order in that country. The Administration have reduced disorder to the smallest possible dimensions, and will continue to deal with it firmly and impartially. ~~So long as the administration of the country is the responsibility of the Iraqis, they do not require external assistance in the performance of this task.~~

2. I leave to your discretion the choice between a written and an oral reply.

Rg  
15/9

[Copy sent to Mr E Ser]

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BAGDAD

No. 780.

D: 4.10 p.m. 16th September, 1947.

16th September, 1947.

Repeated to: Cairo No. 780 Saving,  
Beirut No. 50 Saving,  
Damascus No. 3. Saving,  
Amman No. 3. Saving,  
B.M.E.O.Cairo No. 203 Saving,  
Jerusalem.

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Your telegram No. 746 and your despatch No. 295  
[Iraqi note on security in Palestine].

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[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Geneva

Dated

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Received in Registry

30 Aug

1 Sept

U.N.S.C.P.

Report

Discusses plan which will probably be adopted by at least five out of the seven remaining partitionists to give the Jewish state the area indicated in the first version plan of the Charter Study of Partition.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

Plan entered while

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References.

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FROM GENEVA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From United Kingdom Delegation)

No. 1415 D. 12.49 p.m. 30th August 1947

30th August 1947 R. 12.55 p.m. 30th August 1947

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MOST IMMEDIATE  
TOP SECRET

Following personal for officer administering the Government of Palestine from McGillivray repeated to Colonial Office for Martin.

The plan which will probably be adopted today by at least five out of the seven remaining partitionists gives to the Jewish State the area indicated in the first revision plan of the Harris Study of Partition (i.e. including Jaffe and The Huleh) plus the whole of the Beersheba sub-district and parts of the Gaza sub-district lying east and south of Majdal. The Arab State would consist of (a) a coastal strip from Majdal to Rafah, (b) those parts of the district of Samaria, Jerusalem and Lydda shown as Arab State and Jerusalem enclave in the first revision plan with the exception of a small Jerusalem enclave as described below and (c) Western Galilee as in the first revision.

2. So as to allow of unobstructed passage between the three parts of each of the two States these parts would be joined at two points of intersection where there would be neutral zones of sufficient size only for the passage of vehicles and animals. One of these points would be at the existing road junction between Zirin and Kefar Yehezqel to meet which the Arab area of Western Galilee would be extended southwards in a triangle including the Arab villages of Zean, Indur, Ed Dahi and Sulam. The second crossroads would be on the existing main road between Majdal and Julis in the Gaza sub-district.

3. The Jerusalem enclave would approximate to the boundaries of the Morrison plan.

[Copy sent to Telegraph Section, Colonial Office]

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TELEGRAM FROM  
No. U.K. Tel  
Geneva.  
Dated 1427.  
Received in Registry } 30 Aug  
1 Sept

UNSCOP. Report.  
Refer Geneva tel 1415 (E8031/46/31) ad  
Swiss partitionists have agreed to recommend  
boundaries as described in tel under ref.  
Has approximate figures of settled  
population.

Last Paper.  
(E8031)

References.  
8133/957/37

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(Minutes.)

*SP.*  
Mr. Mac Gillivray has been asked  
by telegram whether the estimates of  
population within or his or the  
Committee. In either case, they are  
presumably based on Sir Douglas Harris's  
memorandum.

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H.B. 1/9

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FROM GENEVA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From United Kingdom Delegation)

No. 1427

D. Omitted 31st August, 1947

30th August, 1947

R. 12.00 p.m. 31st August, 1947

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Following for transmission to officer administering the Government of Palestine from MacGillivray repeated to Colonial Office.

All seven partitionists have agreed to recommend boundaries as described in my telegram No. 1415 with exceptions that (1) area of Western Galilee around Mughar will be included in the Jewish State and (2) Arab coastal strip will extend northwards beyond Majdal to include Isdud. The approximate figures of settled population are as follows:-

(a) Arab State. 720,000 Arabs and others, 7,500 Jews.  
Total 727,500.

(b) Jewish State. 500,000 Jews, 412,000 Arabs and others.  
Total 912,000. [sic ? 912,000].

(c) Jerusalem Enclave. 106,500 Arabs and others, 100,000 Jews.  
Total 206,500.

To these figures must be added Nomads of whom all 92,000 in Beersheba sub-district will be within the Jewish State.

2. Probable time of release of summary of recommendations will be 21.00 hours G.M.T. today Sunday.

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Dominion access to monthly  
summaries on Palestine

Mr Timot  
C.R.O.

to Mr 904  
F8180/48  
dated 28 Aug  
Received 2 Sep

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

This seems alright.

References.

C.L.D. (for drafting phase)

H.B. 6/9

(Print.)

I have spoken to C.R.O. about this  
I do not think draft is now necessary.

A. J. 10/9

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Commonwealth Relations Office,

Downing Street.

28th August, 1947.

F.2780/48.

Dear *Neely*.

You will recall that some time ago we discussed the question of sending to Dominion representatives in London monthly summaries on Palestine which are circulated as Top Secret documents by the Colonial Office, and that I undertook to explore with the Colonial Office whether they would supply us with extra copies for this purpose.

2. I have discussed this question with Mathieson who would be prepared to agree to circulating these documents to Dominion representatives in London only on condition that it was clearly shown on each document that it could not be passed on textually by the original recipient, and on the whole, Mathieson is not over-anxious that they should be communicated at all.

3. In our view the condition which Mathieson attaches to the circulation of the documents makes us disposed to suggest to you that no further summaries should be circulated, since the specific mention of a condition of this kind would introduce a new and unwelcome element into our system of information for the Dominions. Moreover, on general grounds, I am not convinced that the material contained in the summaries, in its present detailed form, is of sufficient value or interest to the Dominions as to justify the introduction of conditions which have not so far been

attached

M.G.L. JOY, ESQ.

FOREIGN OFFICE.

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attached to material communicated to Dominion representatives, even on an informal basis.

4. I realize that some difficulty may arise in discontinuing the circulation of these summaries after Dominion representatives have already received two issues through your Department, and that we may well have to reply to enquiries from Dominion officials in London about their discontinuance. If this happens, it would seem desirable that we should have agreed beforehand on the line which we should both take. My suggestion is that we should say that, owing to the present disturbed conditions in Palestine, we have found it necessary to include in the summaries information which is of the greatest secrecy and which is also of purely domestic concern, and that future distribution will be restricted even within our own Government Departments to those concerned at first-hand with the administration of internal Palestinian affairs.

5. I should be glad to know whether you concur.

*Yours ever,*

*Henry A. Smith*

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TELEGRAM FROM

Lt. A Rumbold

No.

Prague

Dated

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1 Sept  
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Arrest of 4 Jews at KARLSBAD by CZECHOSLOVAK authorities.

Report Vienna tel 21. (E 7665/46/31)  
Ministry of Interior are reluctant to reveal names but are continuing to press for same.

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(Minutes.)

Refers to } usual  
M.I. 5 } names

References.

Northey Dept.  
Jensen (Pol.) Dept. CAC  
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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM PRAGUE TO VIENNA.

(To British Diplomatic Representative in Austria).

Sir A. Rumbold  
No. 28  
1st September 1947.

D. 4.08 p.m. 1st September 1947.  
R.11.00 p.m. 1st September 1947.

Repeated to Foreign Office No. 879

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Your telegram No. 21.

E 179670

Ministry of the Interior are reluctant to  
reveal names but we are continuing to press for them.

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Palestine Proposed Solution. W.S.  
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 an American friend giving proposal  
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I am not sure what we shall  
 eventually do in Palestine, but I  
 think we can dismiss proposals for  
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